## Cartacura acuta acuta acuta caca acuta caca acuta acut The Times' Daily Short Story.

He would then have got away, but the

of the Courier. The only thing to the

credit of the Black Devil was the fight

she made against superior force. Cap-

ture meant the halter, and for four

long hours the pirates stood up to their

work. At the end of that time they

were dismounted, and the brig had

been builed so often that there was

five feet of water in her hold. She was

aboard and poured fifty men on her

decks. In ten minutes they had pos-

Little of value was found aboard the

brig, as she had just returned to her

cruising ground, but many of the ar-

ticles removed are to be found in the

British museum today. She was regu-

larly fitted out with a stock of imple-

ments of torture. Between decks there

was a large caldron set in brickwork

and close by a stock of seven barrels

of oil. She had thumbscrews by the

dozen, spiked boots, the racks and

benches used in the inquisition, and in-

deed nothing was lacking in the tor-

Only twenty-eight men of the pirate's

crew lived to be taken prisoners.

Among them was ber fourth or fifth

was a man of thirty, and a grea.

wounded that for some days it was a

question whether he would live or die.

landed the pirates in Jamaica for trial.

They were a swaggering, boasting, de-

fiant lot. Not one of them would turn

king's evidence, nor did any fear death.

would be used against them, the cap-

tain, mate and several of the crew

made statements which held them up

as veritable devils. The captain had

only engaged in two captures, and both

vessels were English. One had a crew

of fifteen and the other of eighteen

men. He boasted that every man had

been tortured to death and that some

of them had lived six hours after their

torture commenced. He said that with

his own hand he had cut off the ears.

toes and fingers of a merchant captain

and then spiked him down on his own

deck with no less than fourteen ship

The mate had been with the brig

from the outset of her career. It took

him two days to make his "confession."

All the implements of torture were in

his charge, and he was the one who di-

rected their application. He said be

had been the death of 160 English.

French and American sallors, and there

was sufficient corroborative evidence

The trial of the pirates lasted about

two weeks, and they were given two

Not one of them weakened in the

joked with each other as they went to

more in which to prepare for death.

to prove that he was not boasting.

In cold blood, and knowing they

[Copyright, 1903, by C. B. Lewis.] One afternoon in the year 1805, as the Jane Snow of Newburyport, bound for the West Indies, had sighted Porto had lost eighty men, half their guns Rico, a pirate brig appeared to windward. She had been so often described that there was no mistaking her. She was a Spanish craft familiarly known still fighting when the frigate ran her as the Black Devil.

Josiah Marsh was skipper of the Snow, and his crew numbered twelve men. As he had no guns aboard and as the craft was a slow satier he ordered out the longboat and everybody got into her, and the Snow was abandoned. The pirates chased the longboat for a couple of hours, but as the wind was light they could not come up with her.

Then they returned to pick up the Snow. She was loaded with staves and lumber, and there was little or nothing abourd of her the fellows could make use of. They dared not set fire ture line. to her, and the holes bored in her bottom only waterlogged her. A cat and a parrot were left abourd, and in revenge the pirates tortured the cat to death and hung the parrot to one of the beams of the cabin.

As the longbout, with Josiah Marsh and his crew aboard, ran down through the Mons passage they met the British frigate Courier and gave her the news, They had left the pirate craft forty miles behind them, but the Englishman was prompt to go in search. The Amerleans asked that they might be taken aboard and serve until the Black Devil was destroyed, and their request was complied with.

In a spirit of bravado the pirate captain had entered her capture on the log and had added that he should cruise for a week between Porto Rico and Barbados. Accident had changed his plans, however. As his craft lay alongaide the Snow their rigging became entangled, and the Black Devil had her fore topmast sprung. She came to anchor under the lee of one of the Virgin islands to repair damages and had just got all autanto when the Courier hove

The Englishman knew that he must disguise his ship if he wished to get near the Spaniard. As he took up the pursuit he began to overhaul his top hamper, and after a few hours the smart-frigate looked as slovenly as any merchantman afloat. The pirate let herself be overhauled to within a mile before she flew the black flag, and as the emblem floated to the masthead she fired the first gun. She mounted twelve guns and had a crew of 118 men. The frigate mounted twenty-four guns and a crew of 140.

It was not many minutes before the pirate found that he had been tricked.

## PLEADS FOR THE CUBANS

breeze fell, and he was under the guns Senator Spooner Attacks Newlands' Annexation Resolution.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S POLICY

It Was to Relieve a Suffering People, Not to Enlarge Our Territory-Panama Debated In the House.

Washington, Dec. 17. - The senate was prompt in taking up the Cuban reciprocity bill, and Mr. Spooner was immediately recognized. He began by so much time in consideration of a bill which had been so promptly accepted by the house. This attitude, he declared, was inconsistent with the attitude of senators who not so long ago were engaged in accusing the white faced patient man who then occupied the executive mansion with ulterior motives in standing out against war with Spain for the liberation of Cuba.

Mr. Spooner spoke of the varying positions of the opponents of the bill captain, whose name was Alvarez. He and especially of the introduction of the Newlands resolution, Inviting Cuba fiend never lived. He was the last to become a part of the United States. man to give in and was so severely deprecating it and saying that he hoped it would be postponed indefinitely, because, he said, sometimes invitations The brig was so badly knocked about that she foundered, and the frigate

are regarded as commands. Mr. Spooner said the Newlands resolution was in direct opposition to the Teller resolution. Mr. McKinley had put it all in a sentence when he said that our intervention must be placed on high ground and that the island must nct be demanded as an indemnity. We could not, he said, do less, and no nation interfering between a colony owning government and one of its colonies would be permitted by other nations to do so for the increase of its own territorial area except in rare cases, and he believed that but for the Teller resolution there would have been a concert of action on the part of the European powers against the United States in its war with Spain.

Cubans Mostly Illiterate.

For these reasons, he said, he was opposed to the Newlands measure. Moreover, he was opposed to the admission to the privileges of statehood of a people 80 per cent of whom were unable to read and write. He did not want the time to come when after some presidential election people would say, "Wait till we hear from Cuba." "Let's confine our population so far as

we can to our own race," he said. When the house convened, consideration of the pensions appropriation bill was resumed in committee of the whole, Mr. Gibson (Rep., Tenn.) being the first speaker. He said the president had pursued a wise and prudent course in connection with the Panama situation. He declared that the south was prospering under Republican tariff laws and would prosper under a Republican isthmian canal. He said the tariff was like a pair of suspenders-too tight in some places and too loose in others, but very needful just the same.

Back From the Antarctic. Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Dec. 17 .-The auxiliary screw steamer Scotia, which left the Clyde Nov. 3, 1902, for the antarctic regions, with a number of members of the Scottish National Antarctic association, under the leadership of William S. Bruce of Edinburgh, on board, has arrived here from the antarctic regions and will remain at Buenos Ayres a week, after which she will return to the Falkland islands, where six members of the expedition will remain in charge of the meteorological station. The expedition reached latitude 70.25

Train Kills Man and Wife. Lakeville, Conn., Dec. 17.-While driving across the tracks of the Harlem division of the New York Central railroad at Coleman Station, five miles west of here, Frank Scutt and wife were struck by the Pittsfield express and instantly killed. The man's skull was crushed, while the woman was caught on the engine pilot and terribly mangled. Mr. and Mrs. Scutt were about thirty years old and were employed on a farm at Coleman Station. The hody of the horse was found under the depot platform.

Cashier Bushnell's Shortage, New Haven, Conn., Dec. 17 .- An additional shortage of \$2,000, making the total thus far known \$17,000, has been discovered in the accounts of Asa C. Bushnell, the cashier of the Yale National bank, who committed suicide. In announcing this fact General E. S. Greeley, president of the bank, said he was surprised to find that the shortage exceeded \$15,000, the figures first given out, but that later information made it evident that the total would approximate \$17,000.

steel Trust's Wage Cut. . Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 17.-Announcement is made at the local plants of the Empire Bridge company that every employee, from General Manager Lewis down, will be affected by the general economy pian of the United States Steel corporation, which will go into effect Jan. 1. What per cent of the present wages the cut will be is not yet known. There are about 1,500 em-

Good Roads Convention.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 17,-Delegates from each judicial district of the state, constituting the executive committee of the supervisors state convention on good roads, are in session at the Ten Utica presiding.

A SEA DEVING UP.

Remarkable Physical Metamorphesia of Southern Russia, St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.-The sea of Azof is disappearing, and remarkable

scenes are in course of enaction. At Taganrog the waters have receded to such an extent during the past five days that the bed of the sea is visible for a distance of several versts (a verst is 3,500 feet). High winds hurled clouds of sand shoreward, covering the town. Vessels are lying high and dry. and the greatest confusion prevails in the harbor. Work in the factories has had to be reduced to a minimum, owing to lack of water.

The sen of Azof is an extensive lagoon north of the Black sea, with which it communicates to the strait of Kerch, or Yenikale, in which there was a navigable channel twenty-two feet deep and by an entrance across the isthmus of Perekop. The sea is about remarking that it was strange that the 235 miles long, and its greatest breadth senate should find it necessary to spend is 110 miles. The river Don enters it at the northeast extremity.

The southeast shore is low and the northwest shore and both shores of the narrower part of the sea in the northeast rise to 150 to 175 feet. The southwest shore is formed by the long and narrow sandy peninsula of Arabut, which separates it from the Sivash or Putrid sea. The sea of Azof is very shallow, but is of great impor- Quotations on he Leading Products That tance to Russlan commerce. It has recently appeared to be filling up, and its muddy shores have been very unhealthy. It is usually frozen over from the beginning of December to the end

CRUEL OFFICER SENTENCED.

Brute In German Army Gets Five Years' Imprisonment,

Berlin, Dec. 17.-Owing to his mistreatment of soldiers, on 1,520 counts and abuse of authority on 100 counts, noncommissioned officer named Franzki of the Eighty-fifth infantry has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment and dishonorable discharge from the army by a court martial at Rendsburg. The court declared Franzki had displayed the "brutality of an ox driver" and pronounced his superior officers guiltless of negligent oversight.

Franzki borrowed sums of money from soldiers habitually and never repaid them and beat his subordinates with his fists and with clubs.

Bank President Arrested.

dent of the Gorham National bank of States Marshal Nute on a charge of making a false entry in valuing a note for \$5,000 at the first named institution. Eastman is held in \$10,000 bonds.

Austrian Minister at Paris Retires. Vienna, Dec. 17.-Count von Kheuenhueller-Metsch succeeds Count von Wolkenstein, who has been retired from the ambassadorship of Austria-Hungarry at Paris at his own request.

Chicago's Charity Ball,

Chicago, Dec. 17.-The annual charity ball given by Chicago society in ple at the Auditorium has netted \$2 000, which will go toward building an annex to St. Luke's hospital.

Greek Cabinet Resigns. Athens, Dec. 17.-The Ralli cabinet has resigned, the premier being unable

to find sufficient support in the chamber of deputies to carry out his policy. lown Bank Robbed. Quimby, Ia., Dec. 17.-The Bank of Quimby has been robbed of \$3,000. The

robbers escaped. FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Quotations of the New York Stock Exchange. New York, Dec. 16.

Money on call steady at 5% per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Ex-changes, \$246,701,549; balances, \$19,748,272.

Changes, \$246.701.549; balances, \$10,400.

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Atchison... 654
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General Markets.

New York, Dec. 16.
FLOUR-Unsettled and a shade lower to sell; Minnesota patents, \$4.55a4.75; winter straights, \$4a4.10; winter extras, \$3a3.25; winter patents, \$44.35.

WHEAT—Opened steady on cables and local covering, but later eased off under additional figuidation; May, \$45,834 13-16c.

July 50% aff.

RYE-Dull; state and Jersey, Malso;
No. 2 western, 82%;c., f. o. b., affout.

CORN-Primer on the light country offerings and commission house support:
May, Charles.

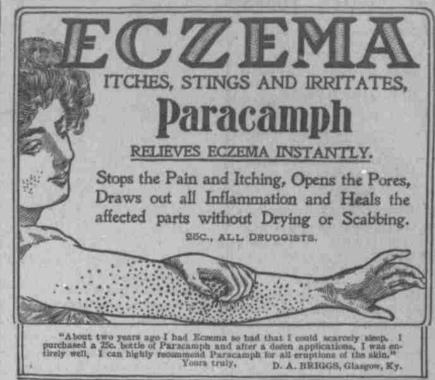
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BUTTER — Quiet and steady; extra creamery, Sc.; state dairy, Ba22c. CHEESE—Quiet, state, full cream, favey, small, colored, September, 12c.; late made, 10c.; large, colored, September, 12c.; late made, 10c.; large, colored, September, 12c.; late made, 10c.; large, white, September, 12c.; late made, 10c.; large, white, September, 12c.; late made, 10c.; scate and Pennsylvania nearby average best, 25c.; state and Pennsylvania seconds, 12c.; western firsts, 25c.; western seconds, 24a37c.; western firsts, 25c.; SuGAR—Raw firm; fair refining, 24c.; centrifugal, 25 test, 24c.; refined steady; crushed, 5.6c.; powdered, 4.5c.

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### IN BOSTON MARKETS.

Are in Demand.

Boston, Dec. 16 .- Butter has been in light receipt and the market has stiffened up somewhat. Prices, however, though firm, have not advanced materially. Northern creamery, round lots, 256254c; western, 244625c; Vermont dairy, 21@23c, renovated butter, 1734@19c.

Prices are steady and unchanged on cheese, with no special feature in the market to note. Liverpool has declined. Round lots, Vermont twins, 11% @12c; New York twins, 12@12%c.

The market for eggs has been fairly steady all the week, receipts being light and the demand moderate. Western fresh, 30@32c; eastern, 33@35c; nearby, 38240c; refrigerator, 24426c. The demand for beans is quiet, and

prices are easier, with full receipts. Carload lots, pea, \$2.20@2.25; medium, \$2.20922.25; yellow eyes, \$3.05@3.10; red kidneys, \$3.25@3.45; California small white, \$2.55@2.60; foreign pea and medium, \$2.10.

Apples are selling fairly well for choice red fruit, but common grades are still in too large supply to allow work-Woodsville, N. H., Dec. 17.—Albert ing prices higher. Maine pippins, \$1.25 H. Eastman, president of the Berlin @1.75; Harvies, \$262.25; snews, \$2.50 National bank of Berlin and vice presi- 63; Kings. \$2.506/3.50; Baidwins, \$1.75 @2.50; greenings, \$1.75@2.50; Hub-Gorham, was arrested here by United bardstons and Hurlburts, \$1.59@2.25; pound and Tolman sweets. \$1.50@2.25; northern spies, \$1.50@2.50.

Cranberries are steady at \$262.25 per bx and \$567.50 per bbl. The receipts for the week were 2585 bbls, against 1452 bbls for the same week last year.

Domestic grapes sell at 106715c for Ningara and 106115c for Catawbas. The receipts for the week were 3766 bakts and no carriers. Last year the receipts were 13,163 bakts and no carriers

Almeria grapes are selling at \$2.75 @6 per bbl. The receipts for the week were 317 bbls; same week a year ago, 94 bbls. Pineapples are quoted at 206/40c each

for Jamaicas. The receipts for the week were 3730; same week a year ago.

Turkish figs sell at 86/17c per 1b; California, in 10-lb bxs, 00c per bx; pulled figs, 17@20c per ib.

Potatoes are steady and unchanged. Aroustook hebrons, 68c; Green mountalas, 686270e; York state Green mountains, concline; sweets. Norfolk cloth heads, 75c@\$1.50; Jersey, double heads, \$2.500rg.

There is an ensier market on hams,

bacons, ribs and shoulders, but generally pork provisions are stendy. The offerings of hogs have increased, and the number for the week is fairly liberal. The quality continues good, with irregularity in weights. Prices are a little lower than a week ago, prominent markets averaging \$4.35 per 100 lbs.

The market for fresh beef is very much demoralized, and low prices are being quoted. The top is about 7%c for whole steers, though it is claimed that occasionally a very choice sfeer would bring Sc. The receipts have been very beavy, especially of beef intended for domestic consumption. The result is a

strong pressure to sell. There is a full supply of muttons and lambs offering, though choice lambs are still selling at Uc; veals are steady. Western fall lambs, 7@9e; spring lambs, 8@0c; yearlings, 0@7c; muttons, 0@7c;

venls, 9@11c. Choice northern turkeys are scarce and firm, but western are quiet and easy; chickens and fowls are easier. Turkeys, northern, 20@23c; western, dry, 17@20c; chickens, northern, 15@ 17e; western, 12@13e; fowls, northern, 13@14c; western, 11%@12%c; ducks,

13@15c; geese, 13@15c. The December condition is in nearly every year the highest and the acre age as well, the latter annually suffering from winter's killing and other disasters. Last year the acreage loss was nearly 1,000,000 acres, and two years ago nearly 4,000,000. The indicated crop two years ago, when conditions and acreage very closely paralleled the present year, was 458,000,-000 bushels, or within 2,000,000 bushels of our present estimate of 400,000,000 bushels and the final crop 412,000,000

The final official estimate of the total acreage productions and value of the principal crops of 1908 will be issued

Dec. 28. A London letter says the grain warehouses there are so filled with poor Russlan wheat that it is impossible to get any room for other grain, and that the mixture of this wheat with the poor English wheat is making such poor flours that the trade is going from native flours to American. The poor quality of Russia's crop explains why it has been so rushed to market.

December is now about 24sc under May, and it bas not been at that discount until recently. It may go to 4c or 5c discount, and then not represent the full carrying expenses, but at this bigger difference the Chicago market will be more attractive to the wheat buyer and less attractive to the western wheat shipper.

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